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**INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND METHOD,
TERMINAL APPARATUS, SERVER APPARATUS, DATA RECEPTION
METHOD, AND DATA TRANSMISSION METHOD**

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DESCRIPTION

INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND METHOD, TERMINAL
APPARATUS, SERVER APPARATUS, DATA RECEPTION METHOD, AND

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DATA TRANSMISSION METHOD

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to an information
10 distribution system and method, a terminal apparatus, a
server apparatus, a data reception method, and a data
transmission method able to be applied to a network
system such as a cellular wireless communication system
and particularly capable of averaging a traffic load over
15 time and efficiently utilizing a communication
infrastructure.

BACKGROUND ART

As an example of a general communication system for
distributing information in the related art, web browsing
20 over the Internet can be mentioned.

A communication procedure in web browsing of the
related art is shown in Fig. 1.

In this procedure, when a terminal station sends a
demand for provision of information (demand for content)
25 to a contents server, the contents server immediately

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responds to this and transmits the requested information content (requested content) to the terminal station.

In the above communication system, however, since it is based on real-time communication immediately

5 responding to a request for providing information, for example as shown in Fig. 2, the traffic load widely varies such as with the amount sharply increasing during a certain time band and oppositely the amount largely decreasing during a time band, for example, at the night.

10 Accordingly, it suffers from the disadvantage that communication facilities are not in use during the night time and other time bands when the communication traffic is low, so the communication facilities are not efficiently used.

15 Further, it suffers from the disadvantage of the difficulty in sufficient improvement of the efficiency of utilization of the communication facilities because a network operator often determines a traffic load of a communication system in order to provide an acceptable
20 quality of service during the time bands when the traffic load is large.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

An object of the present invention is to provide an
25 information distribution system and method capable of

averaging a traffic load over time and efficiently utilizing communication facilities.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an (a) terminal apparatus, (b) server apparatus,
5 (c) data reception method, and (d) data transmission method used for such an information distribution system and capable of contributing to the averaging of the traffic load in the network and efficient utilization of communication facilities.

10 According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided an information distribution system transmitting information based on a demand from a terminal apparatus from a server apparatus to the terminal apparatus, wherein said server apparatus
15 comprises a first transceiver for transmission to the terminal apparatus and a first controller for scheduling a point of time for distribution based on a state of a communication line used for distribution of information in accordance with a request signal requesting
20 information from the terminal apparatus received at said transceiver and controlling the system for distribution of information for said request signal to the terminal apparatus through the transceiver at the scheduled point of time and said terminal apparatus comprises a second
25 transceiver for communication with a server apparatus and

transceiver, and controlling the system for reception of
said information distributed by said server apparatus in
a period of time determined by said server apparatus with
respect to said request signal.

According to a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a server apparatus
25 transmitting information based on a demand from a

terminal apparatus, said server apparatus transmitting
information based on a demand from a terminal apparatus
comprising a transceiver for transmission to the terminal
apparatus and a controller for scheduling a point of time
5 for distribution based on a state of a communication line
used for distribution of information in accordance with a
request signal requesting information from the terminal
apparatus received at said transceiver and controlling
the system for distribution of information for said
10 request signal to the terminal apparatus through the
transceiver at the scheduled point of time.

According to a fourth aspect of the present
invention, there is provided an information distribution
method for transmitting information based on a request
15 from a terminal apparatus from a server apparatus to the
terminal apparatus, said information distribution method
for transmitting information based on a request from a
terminal apparatus from a server apparatus to the
terminal apparatus comprising the steps of having said
20 terminal apparatus generates a request signal requesting
distribution of desired information; transmitting said
request signal from said terminal apparatus to said
server; having said server apparatus schedule a point of
time for distribution based on a state of a communication
25 line to be used for the distribution of information in

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accordance with a request signal requesting information from said terminal apparatus; distributing information for said request signal from said server apparatus to said terminal apparatus at the scheduled point of time;

5 and having said terminal apparatus receive said information distributed from said server apparatus.

According to a fifth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a data reception method for receiving distribution of information from a server apparatus, said data reception method for receiving distribution of information from a server apparatus comprising the steps of generating a request signal requesting distribution of desired information; transmitting said requested information to said server; and receiving said information distributed by said server apparatus in a period of time determined by said server apparatus for said request signal.

According to a sixth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a data transmission method for transmitting information based on a request from a terminal apparatus, said data transmission method for transmitting information based on a request from a terminal apparatus comprising the steps of receiving a request signal requesting information from a terminal apparatus; scheduling a point of time for distribution

based on a state of a communication line used for distribution of information; and transmitting the information for the request signal to the terminal apparatus at the scheduled point of time.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a view of a communication procedure in a communication system for performing conventional general information distribution.

10 Figure 2 is a view of fluctuations in a traffic load over a day in a conventional general communication system.

15 Figure 3 is a view of a network configuration of a cellular wireless communication system of an embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 4 is a block diagram of the configuration of a contents server of the cellular wireless communication system shown in Fig. 3.

20 Figure 5 is a block diagram of the configuration of a terminal station of the cellular wireless communication system shown in Fig. 3.

Figure 6 is a view of a basic procedure of information distribution in the cellular wireless communication system shown in Fig. 3.

25 Figure 7 is a view of fluctuations in a traffic load

over a day in the cellular wireless communication system shown in Fig. 3.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

First Embodiment

5 An embodiment of the present invention will be explained with reference to Figs. 3 to 7.

In the present embodiment, the present invention will be explained by giving as an example a cellular wireless communication system.

10 First, the network configuration of a cellular wireless communication system of the present embodiment will be explained with reference to Fig. 3.

Figure 3 is a view of the network configuration of the cellular wireless communication system of the present
15 embodiment.

A cellular wireless communication system 1 of the present embodiment has the configuration of arranging in layers as shown in the figures a contents server 10, a plurality of network nodes 20₋₁ to 20_{-n}, and a plurality
20 of terminal stations 30₋₁ to 30_{-m}. Information is transmitted from the contents server 10 to the respective terminal stations 30_{-j} (j=1 to m) via the network nodes 20_{-i} (i=1 to n).

In the cellular wireless communication system 1, the
25 network nodes 20₋₁ to 20_{-n} correspond to an MTSO (Mobile

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Telephone Switching Office) or a wireless base station CS (Cell Site) etc. Therefore, communication between the network nodes 20_i (i=1 to n) and the terminal stations 30_j is maintained by the control carried out in an existing cellular wireless communication system.

The parts of the cellular wireless communication system 1 will be explained in further detail below.

The contents server 10 is a server apparatus storing desired information to be distributed and suitably distributes it in accordance with requests. The contents server 10 is specifically configured by, for example, a work station and a file server apparatus having a communication interface.

The contents server 10 has a processing module for realizing functions related to information distribution described below and thereby performs desired processing.

First, the contents server 10 receives a distribution request of any information transmitted from the respective terminal stations 30_j of the cellular wireless communication system 1 shown in Fig. 3. The distribution request includes contents information for specifying information requested, terminal information for specifying a terminal station 30_j and time limit information indicating a time limit of distribution.

When receiving a distribution request, the contents

server 10 judges whether or not it has the information requested and judges whether it is possible to distribute the information before the time indicated by the time limit information and thereby detects whether it can
5 respond to the distribution request and notifies the results to the terminal station 30_j.

Further, when it is found to be possible to distribute the desired information by this, the server refers to the information of the traffic load of the
10 network estimated and stored in advance to calculate the period of time where the traffic load of the network is small and thereby determines the period of time for distribution of the information, notifies this to the terminal station 30_j, and stores this as a distribution
15 schedule in the contents server 10.

Then, the contents server 10 successively distributes the information to the terminal station 30_j in accordance with this stored distribution schedule.

Further, at the time of the information
20 distribution, the contents server 10 performs processing for charging the respective terminal stations 30_j for the distribution of information. The charge for the distributed information is determined by a variety of conditions such as the type or amount of the distributed
25 information, the content of contracts for the information

distribution service, the distribution areas, and
distribution time bands. Also, in the present embodiment,
it is determined by whether there is freedom of selection
of the time limit of distribution based on a designated
5 distribution time limit, usage conditions of
communication resources based on a positional
relationship with the terminal base station of a terminal
station 30_j, etc.

Also, the contents server 10, regardless of
10 existence of a distribution request, suitably detects a
communication state of the network system 1, that is, a
traffic load (traffic load), and estimates a traffic load
for different time bands.

Also, the server sets the communication expenses for
15 when distributing information based on the estimated
traffic load. The communication expenses is set by for
example region, by time bands, by time bands for
individual regions, etc.

Information of the estimated traffic load,
20 communication expenses, etc. is stored in the contents
server 10 and referred to at the time of determining the
distribution period of time of the requested information.
In addition, in some cases, it is transmitted to the
terminal station 30_j in advance and referred to at the
25 time when a user requests distribution.

The network nodes 20_i are relay devices for substantially connecting the contents server 10 and the terminal stations 30_j in accordance with a predetermined network topology. In Fig. 3, the layer of the network nodes 20_i forming the relay layer is made one layer for simplifying the figure, however, in an actual cellular wireless communication system 1, it is configured to have a plurality of layers.

The network nodes 20_i suitably send distribution requests of information from the terminal stations 30_j to the contents server 10 and distribute information from the contents server 10 to the terminal stations 30_j.

The terminal stations 30_j are terminal apparatuses comprised of cellular phones in the cellular wireless communication system 1 of the present embodiment. They are used by users for requesting distribution of information from the contents server 10 and performing mutual communication.

The configuration of the terminal stations 30_j will be explained in detail with reference to Fig. 2.

Figure 2 is a block diagram of the configuration of a terminal station 30_j.

A terminal station 30_j comprises a signal transceiver 31, a cellular controller 32, an information controller 33, a storage 34, a display/command input

portion 35, a power supply circuit 36, and a timer 37.

Figure 4 is a block diagram of the configuration of the contents server 10.

The contents server 10 is comprised of a CPU
5 (central processing unit) 11, ROM (read only memory) 12,
RAM (random access memory) 13, frame memory 14, display
15, input device 16, external storage 17, communications
I/F (interface) 18, and bus 19.

The CPU 11 controls the contents server 10 based on
10 a processing program stored in the ROM 12.

The ROM 12 has a processing program for processing
in the CPU 11. It stores a processing program in
accordance with the information distribution routine
explained below. The processing program is comprised of
15 control instructions for processing for judging if a
request for information content has been received from a
terminal station 30_j based on that request, processing
for generating a response to the terminal 30_j based on
the result of judgment, processing for scheduling
20 distribution of the information contents, processing for
distributing the information contents to the terminal 30_j,
processing for charging the terminal station 30_j along
with the distribution of information, etc.

The RAM 13 stores temporary processing data when the
25 CPU 11 is processing.

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The frame memory 14 stores the display data processed at the CPU 11. The display 15 is an apparatus for displaying the display data stored in the frame memory 14 and provides the necessary information to the manager of the contents server 10. The input device 16 inputs necessary information from the manager of the contents server 10.

The external storage 17 is a randomly accessible information storage medium such as a magnetic disk or optical disk and stores a plurality of information contents.

The communications I/F 18 is a communications interface for connecting the contents server 10 to the network 20_j through a communications line and connecting it to the terminal stations 30_j through the network 20_j. The contents server 10 transmits information contents and various control signals to the terminal stations 30_j using the communications I/F 18.

The bus 19 connects circuits comprising the above contents server 10 for the transmission of programs or data.

Note that the processing program of the present embodiment was comprised to be stored in the ROM 12, but may also be stored in the external storage 17 and be transferred through the bus 19 to the RAM 13 at the time

of execution for execution by the CPU 11. Further, the communication I/F 18 may be comprised to be able to transmit and receive signals. The processing program may be received through a transmission line from an external terminal apparatus at the communication I/F 18, stored in the RAM 13 or external storage 17, and executed at the CPU 11.

That is, the contents server 10 may be loaded with the computer program for performing the above processing from a medium comprised of a magnetic disk, CD-ROM, or other information storage medium and also load it through the Internet, digital satellite, or other transmission medium for processing at the CPU 11.

Figure 5 is a block diagram of the configuration of a terminal apparatus 30_j.

A terminal station 30_j comprises a signal transceiver 31, a cellular controller 32, an information controller 33, a storage 34, a display/command input portion 35, a power supply circuit 36, and a timer 37.

The signal transceiver 31 is a circuit for performing signal processing for communicating with a base station and generates and sends a communication signal of a desired protocol based on control by the cellular controller 32. Further, the transceiver decodes the received signal to a predetermined base band signal

and outputs it to the information controller 33 under the control of the cellular controller 32.

5 The cellular controller 32 controls the signal transceiver 31 so as that the terminal stations 30_j can suitably communicate in accordance with a predetermined protocol or supports the parts of the terminal stations 30_j so as to be able to suitably maintain the conditions of the terminal stations 30_j relating to the communication by functions provided to the communication system. For example, the cellular controller 32 detects whether or not a terminal station 30_j is in an area able to communicate with the base station, namely, performs processing for detecting whether it is within a communication zone or outside the communication zone and 10 outputting the results to the display/command input portion 35.

The information controller 33 performs desired processing on information received via the signal transceiver 31 and information set by a user via the 20 display/command input portion 35.

The information controller 33 generates data requesting distribution of desired information based on user operation and outputs it to the signal transceiver 31.

25 Also, the information controller 33 stores a variety

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of notice information etc. received from the contents
server 10 in the storage 34 in accordance with need and
displays it on the display/command input portion 35 so
that a user can confirm it. The information of the
5 scheduled point of time of distribution from the contents
server 10 for an information distribution request
transmitted to the contents server 10, the communication
costs by region/by time bands suitably distributed from
the contents server 10, and other data are stored in the
10 storage 34 and displayed at the display/command input
portion 35.

Further, the information controller 33 stores the
information distributed from the contents server 10 to
the storage 34, notifies a user that the information was
15 received via the display/command input portion 35, and,
based on an operation of the user, successively reads the
information from the storage 34 and displays it at the
display/command input portion 35.

Furthermore, when a scheduled period of time of
20 distribution of the information is transmitted from the
contents server 10 and the power supply of a terminal
station 30_j is turned off at the scheduled period of
time, the information controller 33 sets a scheduled
period of time to the timer 37 so that the power supply
25 automatically turns on.

The storage 34 is a compact storage storing a variety of information notified or distributed by the contents server 10, information set by a user via the display/command input portion 35, etc. and is suitably
5 accessed by the information controller 33. Specifically, the storage 34 is realized by a compact hard disk drive (HDD), an MD, a re-writeable CD, compact MO, flash memory, etc.

The display/command input portion 35 is an interface
10 between an internal circuit of the terminal station 30_j and a user and comprises a liquid crystal display panel for displaying information for the user, a speaker for outputting the information by audio, and a key board for the user to operate.

15 The power supply circuit 36 is a circuit for supplying power to the portions of a terminal station 30_j.

Usually, the supply and cut-off of power by the power supply circuit 36 is performed directly by the user
20 via the display/command input portion 35, however, the power supply circuit 36 of the present embodiment may be operated to supply and cut-off the power also by a signal from the timer 37. As a result, functions of automatic supply of power at the scheduled period of time of
25 distribution of information from the contents server 10

and automatic cut-off of the power after receiving information are realized.

The timer 37 is a timing means for constantly measuring the time and outputs a control signal for the automatic supply and cut-off of power at the power supply circuit 36 based on a time set by the information controller 33.

Next, the operation of such a cellular wireless communication system 1 and the actual procedure of information distribution will be explained.

Figure 6 shows a basic procedure of information distribution in the present invention.

A terminal station 30_j transmits information for demanding distribution of certain information contents to the contents server 10 (demand for contents). The information includes, in addition to terminal information including an ID for specifying the terminal station 30_j and demanded content information expressing the content of the information contents requested, time limit information expressing the deadline for distribution of the information, that is, the time limit of distribution. The request information is transferred to the contents server 10 via a network node (CS) 20.

The contents server 10 receives the request information transmitted from the terminal station 30_j,

verifies the terminal station 30_j and, when completes
this normally, checks whether or not the requested
information can be distributed under the demanded
conditions. That is, it judges if it has the requested
5 information contents and judges if it can distribute the
information contents by the time indicated by the time
limit for distribution.

Then, when the requested information is able to be
provided, the terminal station 30_j is notified that the
10 demand was received (ACK).

Next, the contents server 10 estimates the time band
where the traffic load is small in the communication
system in the period until the deadline of the
information distribution in the demand and again pages
15 the terminal station 30_j requesting the distribution of
the information contents. If the terminal station 30_j is
in a state able to receive the information contents
(ACK), it transmits the requested information contents
via the network node 20_i to the terminal station 30_j.

20 When the terminal station 30_j normally completes
reception of the information contents, it transmits an
acknowledgment to the effect of completing the reception
(ACK) to the contents server 10, whereby all procedures
of transmission and reception end.

25 Second Embodiment

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Several modes of information distribution will be explained next.

First, a mode where the contents server 10 notifies the terminal servers 30_j in advance of the time band for transfer of information contents as explained above will be explained.

In this case, the ACK signal sent from the contents server 10 to a terminal server 30_j for a demand for information distribution includes information of the time band during which the contents server 10 will transmit the information contents to the terminal station 30_j demanding distribution.

The contents server 10 which received the demand for information distribution from the terminal station 30_j calculates the time band estimated to have less communications traffic during the time until the informed deadline based on results of operations up to then and the transmission schedule of the information contents received until then. Then, it includes the information of the scheduled point of time of distribution determined based on the calculated time band in the above ACK.

By the transfer of the ACK to the terminal station 30_j, it is possible for the terminal station 30_j to learn when the information will be distributed.

The terminal station 30_j displays the point of time

scheduled for distribution of the information contents to the user and makes the user prepare for receiving the information contents during the time band.

Then, the contents server 10 again pages the
5 terminal station 30_j at the point of time notified in advance to the terminal station 30_j and distributes the information contents by the above procedure.

In the above mode of transfer of information contents, the power supply of the terminal station 30_j
10 may be controlled in accordance with the point of time of transfer of the information contents.

A terminal station 30_j is provided internally with a timer 37 which is constantly in operation even when the power supply of the terminal station 30_j is turned off.

15 Therefore, when the power supply of the terminal station 30_j is turned off at the scheduled point of time of distribution of the information contents notified by the contents server 10, the timer 37 outputs a trigger signal to the power supply circuit 36 to automatically
20 turn on the power supply of the terminal station 30_j and give the initial settings required for receiving the information contents transmitted from the contents server 10.

The contents server 10 transmits in the same way as
25 the above the information contents demanded to be

distributed to the terminal station 30_j when the point of time notified in advance arrives, so the terminal station 30_j receives the same.

By configuring the terminal station in the above way, it becomes possible to turn off the power supply in usual times to keep down the power consumption and to automatically turn it on at the scheduled point of time of distribution of the information contents.

Further, the terminal station 30_j may be configured to automatically turn off again when normally completing the reception of the information contents scheduled to be distributed.

Third Embodiment

Next, a mode of receiving information contents by a user designating a time band and region will be explained.

First, the contents server 10 or the network node 20_i averages and calculates the traffic load in the past for different regions in advance. For example, it sets the relay area of a network node 20_i as a calculated region. Alternatively, it sets an area comprised by relay areas of several network nodes 20_i as the calculated region. Then, the contents server 10 or the network node 20_i suitably predicts a traffic load by region and by time band based on the schedule of distributing the

information contents scheduled until then and calculation of the traffic load and, based on this prediction, calculates communication fees for the respective regions/time bands.

5 The communication fees for each region/time band are broadcasted to the terminal stations 30₋₁ to 30_{-m} using a BCCH (broadcast control channel) for simultaneous broadcast of control signals from a base station to terminal stations in cellular wireless communications.

10 The terminal stations 30_{-j} suitably receive the information of the communication fees for each region/time band and store it in the storage 34 when performing processing (such as cell searching) necessary for connecting with the network.

15 Then, they display the information relating to the communication charges on the display/command input portion 35 when a user inputs an instruction to the effect of desiring to demand distribution of information contents etc. from the display/command input portion 35.

20 When an instruction of "in which time band and region the reception of the information contents is desired" is input by a user through the display/command input portion 35, a terminal station 30_{-j} generates region/time band information based on the input region
25 and time band instruction, adds it to the demand for

distribution of information contents, and sends the result to the contents server 10.

The contents server 10 receiving this transmits an ACK by the above procedure to notify the terminal station 30_j that the demand was received when the content of the demand for information distribution is acceptable.

Next, the contents server 10 pages the terminal station 30_j in the region and time band designated by the terminal station 30_j and transmits the demanded information contents when the terminal 30_j responds. That is, it confirms if there is a terminal station 30_j existing in the region designated by the user and where there is transmits the information contents to the terminal station 30_j through the network node 20_i positioned in the designated region.

Note that when the terminal station 30_j does not respond to the paging, the contents server 10 tries again several times, then gives up distributing the information contents.

To avoid such giving up of distribution of the information contents as much as possible, information indicating a plurality of candidates for "in which time band and region reception of information contents is desired" transmitted from a terminal station 30_j to the contents server 10 may be also set. Further, priority may

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In this case, it is sufficient that the contents server 10 distribute the information contents in one of the region/time band among the candidates. Specifically,

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be performed without paging in the designated region.

Fourth Embodiment

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distribution of the same information is changed in accordance with time limit of distribution.

A terminal station 30_j is comprised to be able to select one of the time limits of distribution of "receive
5 distribution of information immediately" and "receive distribution of information before deadline" when sending a demand for distribution of information contents to the contents server 10.

When distribution of information is demanded
10 immediately, the contents server 10 judges whether the demand is "OK" or "NG" by considering the current traffic load. When "OK", it sends the terminal station 30_j ACK, while when "NG", it sends NACK.

When OK, the server immediately secures a
15 communication line and distributes the information contents by using the existing method.

When NG, the server distributes NACK to notify that the information distribution is currently not possible. In response to this, the user sets an acceptable period
20 of time etc. of the information distribution as a distribution time limit and issues a request for information distribution again.

In this case, the communication fee for the information distribution is determined by the period of
25 time until the deadline of the information distribution.

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Namely, the fee related to the distribution is the highest when the information is distributed immediately and becomes lower the later the information distribution time.

5 As explained above, according to the cellular
wireless communication system 1 of the present invention,
since it becomes possible not to provide information by
real-time the distribution of information content can be
scheduled for any period of time until the time limit for
10 distribution, the traffic load in the time bands where
the traffic load is high can be cut and the traffic load
in time bands scarcely used before can be increased, so
it becomes possible to obtain the effects of averaging
the traffic load in terms of time and to effectively
15 utilize communication facilities owned by a network
operator fully for 24 hours as shown in Fig. 7.

Note that in Fig. 7, the traffic load shown by a
thick line is a part indicating the traffic load of the
communication system according to the present invention.

20 Also, due to this, since the network operator can
much more effectively utilize the communication
facilities, it becomes possible to lower the traffic load
at peak times and reduce the communication costs.

Also, users of terminal stations become able to
25 decide the deadline for information distribution by

themselves.

Namely, it becomes possible to finalize the point of time for information distribution in a user-led manner. As a result, it becomes possible for a user to receive
5 information contents at the desired period of time at a reasonable communication cost by considering the point of time for information distribution and the communication charges necessary for the information distribution.

Note that the present invention is not limited to
10 the embodiments and may be modified in various ways.

For example, the configurations of the terminal stations 30_j etc. are not limited to above examples. Any configurations are possible.

For example, as a modification according to the
15 present invention, the terminal station 30_j may estimate the size of the information contents desired by a user and calculate and display to the user by about how much time and communication charge reception of the information contents would be possible from the size of
20 the contents and a communications capacity able to be provided by the current system. Note that the size of the information contents may be estimated independently by the terminal station 30_j in some cases, or the size of the information contents desired by the user may be
25 obtained after demanding the contents server 10 notify

the size of the information contents in other cases.

Further, in the cellular wireless communication system 1, the contents server 10 or the network nodes 20, may inform users through the BCCH of up to how much a load of communications can be provided at the present in the region, and the terminal stations 30, may receive the information constantly and store it in a built-in storage for display to the users.

In addition, the configuration of the display/command input portion 35 was made a liquid crystal panel, a speaker, and a key board in the present embodiment, however, the portion may be configured, for example, without a key board and to comprise other any input/output means.

Also, the configuration of the storage 34 may use a recording device for recording information on any recording medium other than the above recording media and recording devices such as HD, MD, MO, CD, etc.

Also, the above embodiment was explained taking as an example the case where the configuration of a network was a cellular wireless communication system, however, the present invention is not limited to this and is able to be applied to any network systems.

Also, in the network of the present embodiment, only one contents server was shown, however, two or more

servers may exist as in usual cases. Also, the configuration of the network is not limited to the form in the above embodiment where a contents server, network nodes, and terminal stations are connected in a tree-
5 structure. It may be any form of network.

As explained above, according to the embodiments of the present invention, an information distribution system and method capable of averaging a traffic load over time and effectively utilizing communication facilities can be
10 provided.

Also, a terminal apparatus, a server apparatus, a data reception method, and a data transmission method able to be used in such an information distribution system and to contribute to averaging of the traffic load
15 in the network and effective usage of communication facilities can be provided.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

The present invention can be applied to various network systems such as cellular wireless communication
20 systems.

CLAIMS

1. An information distribution system transmitting information based on a demand from a terminal apparatus from a server apparatus to the terminal apparatus,

5 said server apparatus comprising:

 a first transceiver for transmission to the terminal apparatus; and

 a first controller for scheduling a point of time for distribution based on a state of a communication line used for distribution of information in accordance with a request signal requesting information from the terminal apparatus received at said transceiver and controlling the system for distribution of information for said request signal to the terminal apparatus through the transceiver at the scheduled point of time, and

15 said terminal apparatus comprising:

 a second transceiver for communication with a server apparatus; and

 a second controller for generating a request signal for requesting the distribution of desired information, controlling the system for transmission of the requested information to said server through said second transceiver, and controlling the system for reception of said information distributed by said server apparatus in a period of time determined by said server

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apparatus with respect to said request signal.

2. An information distribution system as set forth
in claim 1, wherein

said second controller of said terminal
5 apparatus generates a signal including time limit
information indicating a time limit for distribution of
said information as a request signal, and

said first controller of said server apparatus
schedules the point of time for distribution of
10 information based on the time limit for distribution
designated by said terminal apparatus and a state of a
communications line.

3. An information distribution system as set forth
in claim 2, wherein the first controller of said server
15 apparatus detects a traffic load of said communication
line and distributes the information at a period of time
when the traffic load is small.

4. An information distribution system as set forth
in claim 3, wherein

20 said terminal apparatus further comprises an
interface for providing information to a user, and
estimates a period time until the time limit of
distribution and a point of time when the traffic load is
small, controls the system for notification of said
25 estimated point of time to said terminal apparatus, and

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schedules so as to distribute the information at the estimated point of time, and

said second controller of said terminal apparatus controls the system for provision of the point of time of distribution notified from the server apparatus to the user through the interface.

5. An information distribution system as set forth in claim 2, wherein said first controller of said server apparatus calculates an amount of charge for distribution of information based on a length of the period of time until the time limit of distribution designated by the terminal apparatus and performs processing for charging the terminal apparatus based on the calculated amount of charge.

6. An information distribution system as set forth in claim 2, wherein said second transceiver of said terminal apparatus communicates with the server through a wireless transmission base station.

7. An information distribution system as set forth in claim 6, wherein said first controller of said server apparatus calculates an amount of charge for distribution of information based on an efficiency of use of a communication resource in communication between said terminal apparatus and said base station and performs processing for charging the terminal apparatus based on

the calculated amount of charge.

8. An information distribution system as set forth in claim 1, wherein

5 said first controller of said server apparatus
calculates cost information indicating communication
costs based on a state of said communication line by
region, by time band, or by time band for individual
regions and controls the system for distribution of the
calculated cost information to the terminal apparatus;
10 said second controller of said terminal
apparatus generates, as said request signal, a signal
including distribution information designating a desired
region or time band or both desired for communication of
information; and
15 said server apparatus schedules the system for
distribution of information to the designated region and
time band based on the request signal.

9. A terminal apparatus receiving distribution of
information from a server apparatus,
20 said terminal apparatus receiving distribution
of information from a server apparatus comprising:
a transceiver for transmission to the server
apparatus; and
a controller for generating a request signal
25 for requesting the distribution of desired information,

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controlling the system for transmission of the requested information to said server through said transceiver, and controlling the system for reception of said information distributed by said server apparatus in a period of time
5 determined by said server apparatus with respect to said request signal.

10. A terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 9, wherein said controller generates a signal including time limit information indicating a time limit for
10 distribution of said information as a request signal.

11. A terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 10, further comprising an interface for providing information to a user, and

wherein the controller controls the system for
15 provision of the point of time of distribution notified from the server apparatus to the user through the interface.

12. A terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 10, wherein said transceiver communicates with the server
20 through a wireless transmission base station.

13. A terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 9, wherein said controller generates, as said request signal, a signal including distribution information designating a desired region or time band or both desired
25 for communication of information.

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14. A terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 13,
further comprising an interface for providing information
to a user, and

wherein said controller controls the system for
5 provision to the user through the interface of cost
information based on a state of said communication line
by region, by time band, or by time band for individual
regions as received from the server apparatus.

15. A terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 10,
10 further comprising an interface for providing information
to a user, and

wherein said terminal apparatus controls the
system for provision to the user through the interface of
a period of time until a time limit of distribution and
15 time band where the traffic load of the communication
line is small notified from the server apparatus.

16. A terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 9,
further comprising

a counter for counting a period of time;
20 a power supply for controlling the supply of
power to each portion of the terminal apparatus and
substantially making each portion valid or invalid; and
a storage for storing information, and
said controller receiving a scheduled point of
25 time at which said information is to be distributed as

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notified by said server apparatus, stores said received scheduled period of time of distribution in said storage, starts the supply of power from said power supply and receives information distributed from said server

5 apparatus when the parts of the terminal apparatus are invalid in state near the scheduled period of time of distribution based on the scheduled point of time of distribution stored in said storage and the measured period of time.

10 17. A terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 16, wherein said controller stops the supply of power from said power supply and makes the parts of the terminal apparatus invalid in state when the reception of information distributed from said server apparatus ends.

15 18. A server apparatus transmitting information based on a demand from a terminal apparatus,

said server apparatus comprising:

a transceiver for transmission to the terminal apparatus; and

20 a controller for scheduling a point of time for distribution based on a state of a communication line used for distribution of information in accordance with a request signal requesting information from the terminal apparatus received at said transceiver and controlling
25 the system for distribution of information for said

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request signal to the terminal apparatus through the transceiver at the scheduled point of time.

19. A server apparatus as set forth in claim 18, wherein an internal controller schedules the point of
5 time for distribution of information based on time limit information indicating a time limit for distribution of said information included in said request signal and the state of a communication line.

20. A server apparatus as set forth in claim 19,
10 wherein the controller detects a traffic load of said communication line and distributes the information at a period of time when the traffic load is small.

21. A server apparatus as set forth in claim 20, wherein said controller estimates a period of time until
15 the time limit of distribution and a point of time when the traffic load is small, controls the system for notification of said estimated point of time to said terminal apparatus, and schedules distribute the information at the estimated point of time.

22. A server apparatus as set forth in claim 18,
20 where said controller calculates an amount of charge for distribution of information based on a length of the period of time until the time limit of distribution designated by the terminal apparatus and performs
25 processing for charging the terminal apparatus based on

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the calculated amount of charge.

23. A server apparatus as set forth in claim 18,
where said controller calculates an amount of charge for
distribution of information based on an efficiency of use
5 of a communication resource in communication between said
terminal apparatus and said base station and performs
processing for charging the terminal apparatus based on
the calculated amount of charge.

24. A server apparatus as set forth in claim 18,
10 where said controller calculates cost information
indicating communication costs based on a state of said
communication line by region, by time band, or by time
band for individual regions and controls the system for
distribution of the calculated cost information to the
15 terminal apparatus and schedules distribution of
information to the designated region and time band based
on the request signal.

25. An information distribution method for
transmitting information based on a request from a
20 terminal apparatus from a server apparatus to the
terminal apparatus,

said information distribution method for
transmitting information based on a request from a
terminal apparatus from a server apparatus to the
25 terminal apparatus, comprising the steps of:

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having said terminal apparatus generates a request signal requesting distribution of desired information;

transmitting said request signal from said
5 terminal apparatus to said server;

having said server apparatus schedule a point of time for distribution based on a state of a communication line to be used for the distribution of information in accordance with a request signal
10 requesting information from said terminal apparatus;

distributing information for said request signal from said server apparatus to said terminal apparatus at the scheduled point of time; and

having said terminal apparatus receive said
15 information distributed from said server apparatus.

26. An information distribution method as set forth in claim 25, wherein:

said request signal is a signal including time limit information indicating a time limit of distribution
20 of said information, and

said server apparatus schedules a point of time for distribution of the information based on the time limit information of said request signal and a state of a communication line.

25 27. An information distribution method as set forth

in claim 26, wherein said server apparatus detects a traffic load of said communication line and schedules distribution of said information for a period of time where the traffic load is small

5 28. An information distribution method as set forth in claim 26, wherein, when receiving said request signal, said server apparatus estimates a period of time until the time limit for distribution and a point of time where the traffic load is small, notifies the estimated point
10 of time to said terminal apparatus, and distributes the information at the estimated point of time.

29. An information distribution method as set forth in claim 27, wherein said server apparatus calculates an amount of charge for distribution of information based on
15 a length of the period of time until the time limit of distribution designated by the terminal apparatus and performs processing for charging the terminal apparatus based on the calculated amount of charge.

30. An information distribution method as set forth
20 in claim 26, wherein said terminal apparatus communicates with the server through a wireless communication base station.

31. An information distribution method as set forth in claim 30, wherein said server apparatus calculates an
25 amount of charge for distribution of information based on

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an efficiency of use of a communication resource in
communication between said terminal apparatus and said
base station and performs processing for charging the
terminal apparatus based on the calculated amount of
5 charge.

32. An information distribution method as set forth
in claim 25, wherein:

said server apparatus calculates cost
information indicating communication costs based on a
10 state of said communication line by region, by time band,
or by time band for individual regions and distributes
the calculated cost information to the terminal
apparatus;

said terminal apparatus generates a signal
15 including distribution information designating a region
or time band or both desired for distribution of
information; and

said server apparatus schedules distribution of
information to the designated region and time band based
20 on the request signal.

33. A data reception method for receiving
distribution of information from a server apparatus,

said data reception method for receiving
distribution of information from a server apparatus,
25 comprising the steps of:

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generating a request signal requesting
distribution of desired information;

transmitting said requested information to said
server; and

5 receiving said information distributed by said
server apparatus in a period of time determined by said
server apparatus for said request signal.

34. A data reception method as set forth in claim
33, further comprising a step of generating a signal
10 including time limit information indicating a time limit
for distribution of said information as said request
signal.

35. A data reception method as set forth in claim
33, further comprising a step of generating a signal
15 including distribution information designating a desired
region or time band or both for distribution of
information as said request signal.

36. A data reception method as set forth in claim
35, further comprising a step of receiving from said
20 server apparatus cost information indicating
communication costs based on a state of said
communication line by region or by time band or by time
band for individual regions.

37. A data reception method as set forth in claim
25 34, further comprising a step of providing the user with

a period of time until said time limit of distribution and point of time where the traffic load of the communication line is small as notified from said server apparatus.

5 38. A data reception method as set forth in claim 33, further comprising the steps of:

 receiving a scheduled point of time for distribution of information from said server apparatus and

10 controlling a power supply of a receiver to enable reception of information distributed from said server apparatus near the scheduled period of time of distribution based on the received scheduled point of time of distribution and an internally measured period of
15 time.

 39. A data reception method as set forth in claim 38, further comprising a step of controlling the power supply of the receiver to cut the supply of power to at least part of the circuits of the receiver when it
20 finishes receiving the information distributed from said server apparatus.

 40. A data transmission method for transmitting information based on a request from a terminal apparatus,
 said data transmission method for transmitting
25 information based on a request from a terminal apparatus,

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comprising the steps of:

receiving a request signal requesting
information from a terminal apparatus;

scheduling a point of time for distribution
5 based on a state of a communication line used for
distribution of information; and

transmitting the information for the request
signal to the terminal apparatus at the scheduled point
of time.

10 41. A data transmission method as set forth in
claim 40, further comprising a step of scheduling the
point of time for distribution of information based on
time limit information indicating a time limit of
distribution of information included in said request
15 signal and the state of the communication line.

42. A data transmission method as set forth in
claim 41, further comprising a step of detecting a
traffic load of said communication line and scheduling
distribution of said information in a period of time
20 where the traffic load is small.

43. A data transmission method as set forth in
claim 42, further comprising the steps of, when receiving
said request signal, estimating a period of time until
said time limit of distribution and point of time where
25 the traffic load is small, notifying said estimated point

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of time to said terminal apparatus, and scheduling distribution of said information at the estimated point of time.

44. A data transmission method as set forth in
5 claim 40, further comprising a step of calculating an amount of charge for distribution of information based on a length of the period of time until the time limit of distribution and performing processing for charging the terminal apparatus based on the calculated amount of
10 charge.

45. A data transmission method as set forth in
claim 40, further comprising a step of calculating an amount of charge for distribution of information based on an efficiency of use of a communication resource in
15 communication between said terminal apparatus and a wireless communication base station and performing processing for charging the terminal apparatus based on the calculated amount of charge.

46. A data transmission method as set forth in
20 claim 40, further comprising a step of calculating cost information indicating communication costs based on a state of said communication line by region, by time band, or by time band for individual regions and distributing the calculated cost information to the terminal
25 apparatus.

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47. A data transmission method as set forth in
claim 46, further comprising a step of scheduling
distribution of information to a region and time band
included in a request signal from said terminal
5 apparatus.

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ABSTRACT

An information distribution system and method capable of averaging a traffic load over time and effectively utilizing communication facilities, wherein a terminal station 30 transmits to a contents server 10 a distribution request for desired information including information of time limit of distribution, and the contents server 10 receives the distribution request, estimates a time band where the traffic load is small in the communications system in the period until the time limit of distribution, pages the terminal station again at that period of time, and, if the terminal station is in a state able to receive the information content, transmits the requested information content to the terminal station 30 through a network node.

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FIG. 1

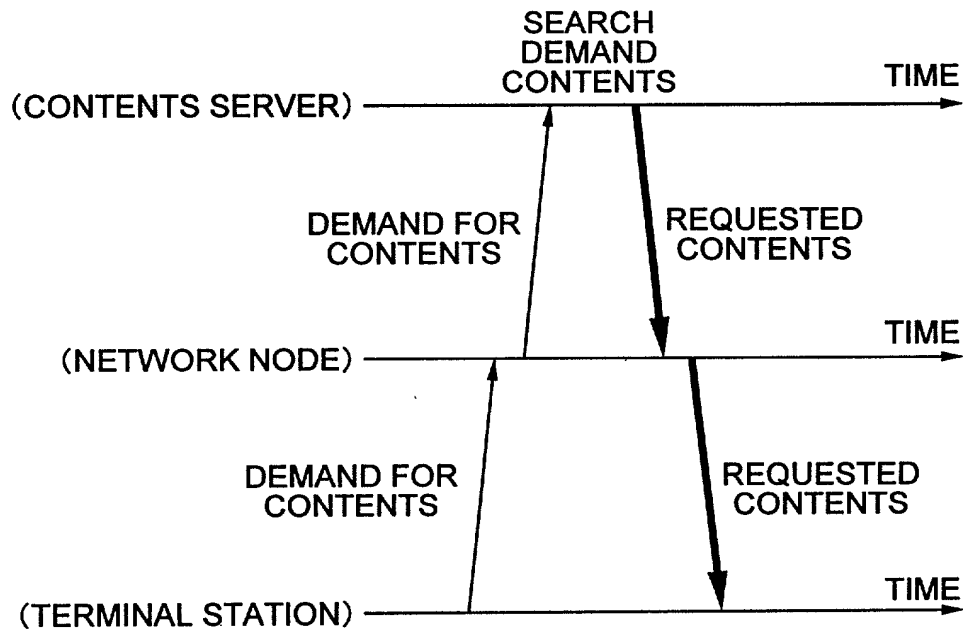


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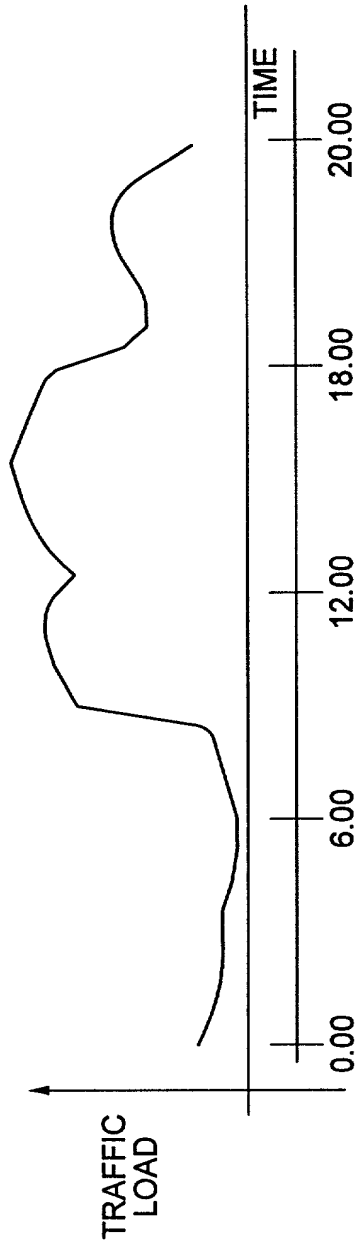


FIG. 3

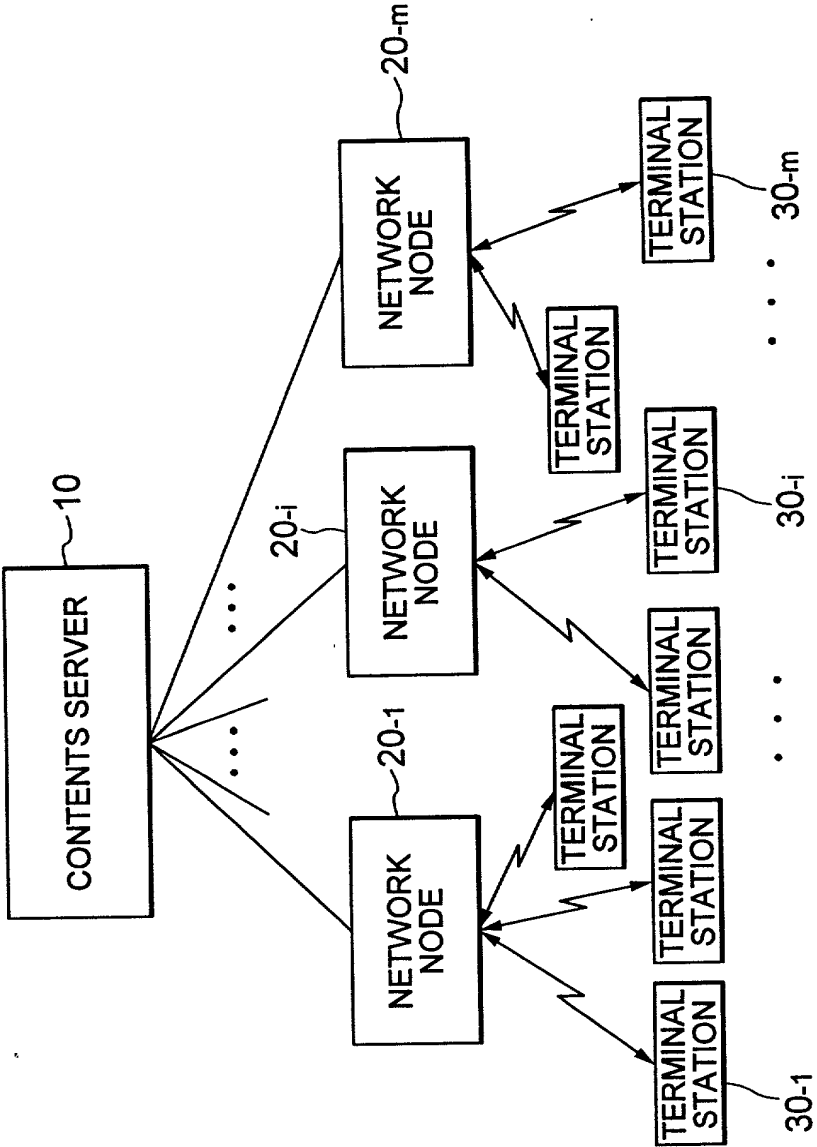


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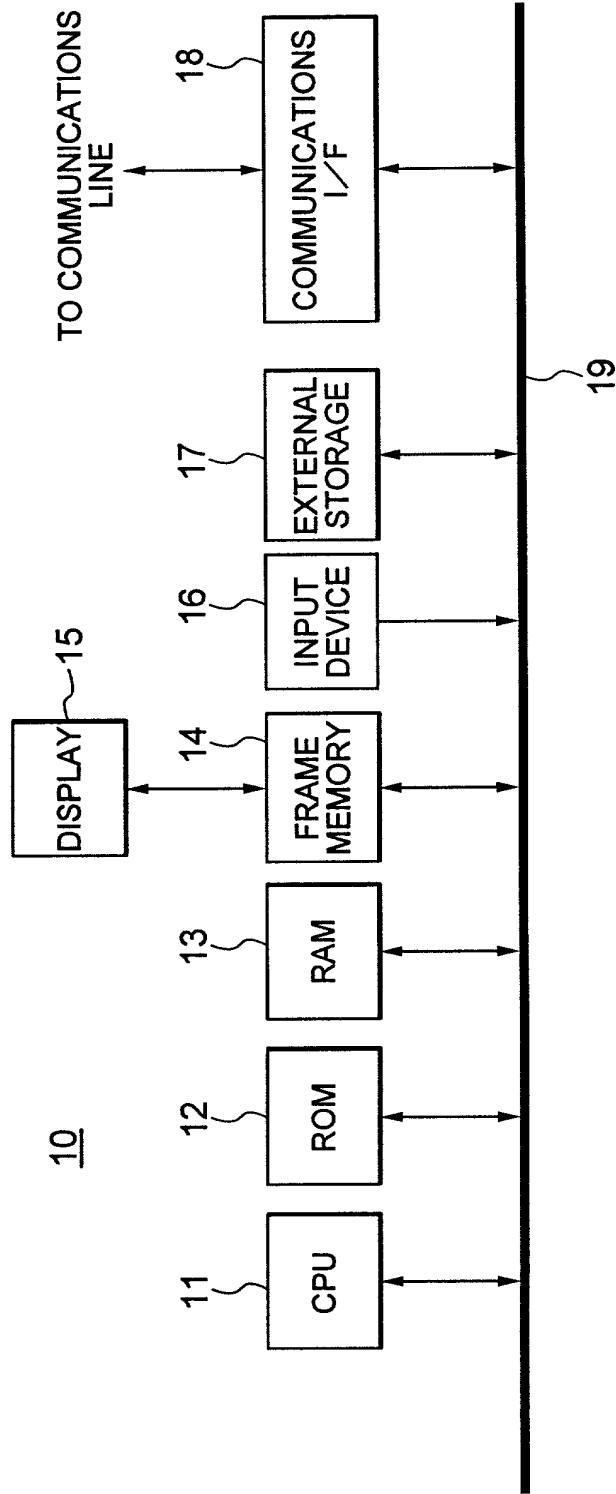


FIG. 5

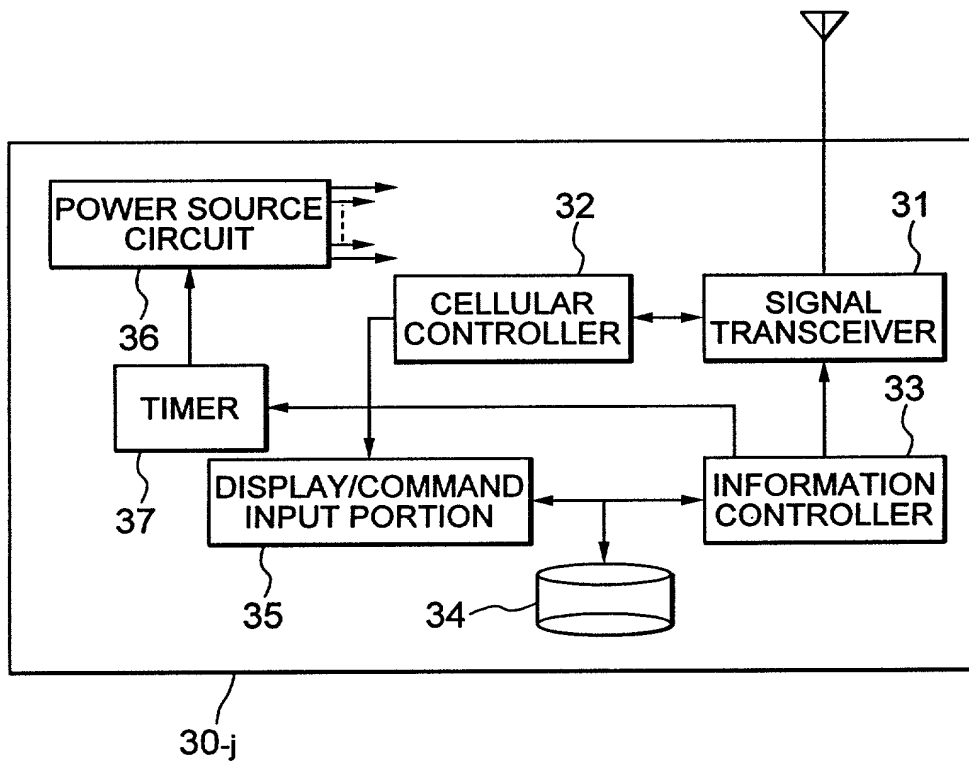


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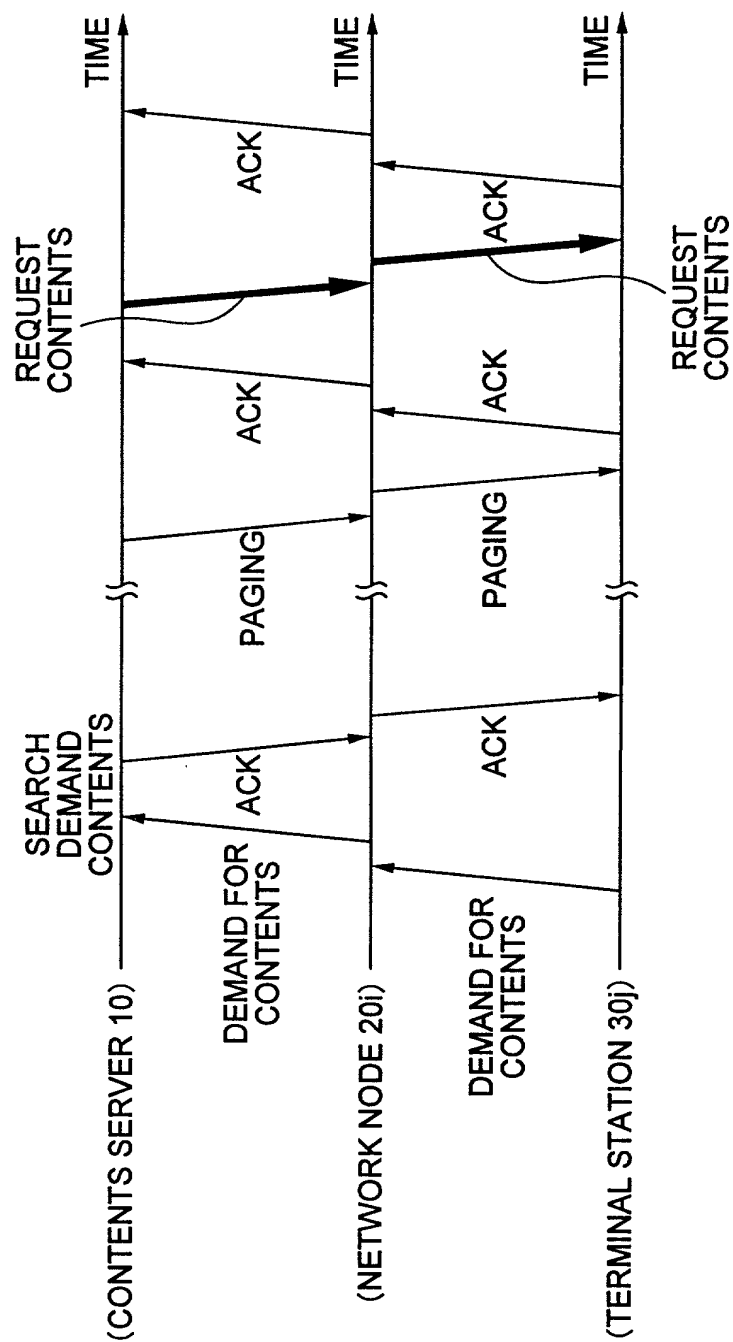
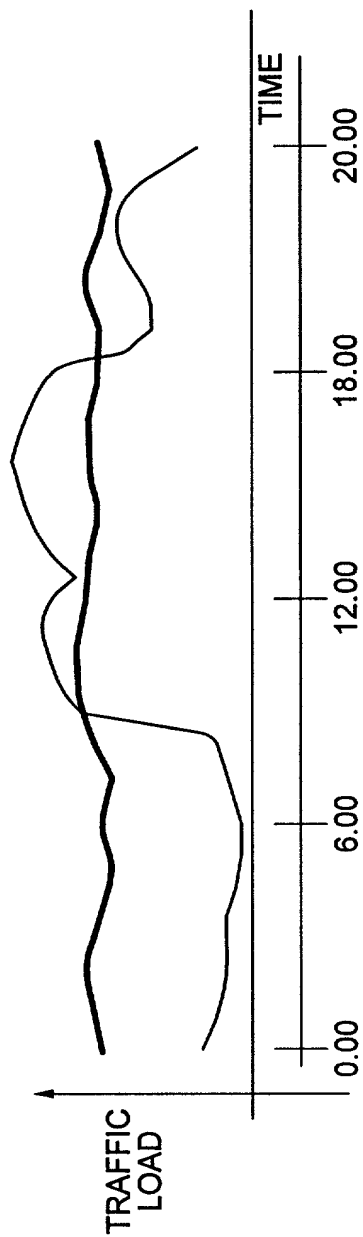


FIG. 7



LIST OF REFERENCE NUMERALS

- 1... cellular wireless communication system
- 10.. contents server
- 20... network node
- 30... terminal station
- 31... signal transceiver
- 32... cellular controller
- 33... information controller
- 34... storage
- 35... display/command input portion
- 36... power supply circuit
- 37... timer

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